



JUDICIAL PROFILE

Silvia R. Arellano is assigned to the Juvenile Court Department in Mesa. She previously served in the Civil, Criminal and Domestic Relations Departments after her appointment to the Superior Court Bench in 1990. Judge Arellano, born in Casa Grande, Arizona, received her B.A. in 1974 and J.D. in 1978 from Arizona State University. In 1978, she joined the Phoenix law firm of Logan & Aguirre where she worked primarily on labor and employment law cases. In 1981, she was appointed as a United States Administrative Law Judge for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), overseeing complaints arising under federal civil rights statutes for Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. In 1984, she moved to a state government position with an appointment as Deputy Commissioner, Arizona Department of Real Estate. Throughout her public and private career, she has been heavily involved in community activities, which included serving on the Board of Directors of Los Abogados, a professional legal association promoting programs and activities related to the Hispanic community. She also served as an Executive Board Member of the Hispanic Women's Corporation. She is a former member of the Maricopa County Bar Association Board of Directors, a master of the Thurgood Marshall Inns of Court and is a past president of the Phoenix Women's Commission.



Judge Arellano brings a number of qualities to the Superior Court in Maricopa as an accomplished lawyer, and trial judge. As one of the first Hispanic women on the Bench, she also represents the changing nature of the judicial system and its renewed sense of connection to the diverse community it serves. During her tenure as a trial court judge Judge Arellano has handled with distinction a variety of criminal, civil and domestic relations cases, while simultaneously continuing to serve the community through volunteer work, speaking engagements, and policy making on numerous boards and commissions dedicated to improving legal services to the minority community.